

I can't imagine why it would be considered to allow cell phones onboard passenger aircraft, other than to benefit cell phone companies. After 37 years as a flight attendant with captive audiences, I can assure you this is a concept with potentially volatile consequences. Passengers are imprisoned in a small seat, forced into close proximity with strangers who snore, smell bad and have bad manners. Now you are considering adding the proverbial straw; a private conversation with no auditory escape. Add a little alcohol to overtired people who are afraid of flying and that conversation could easily escalate into an unscheduled landing. Please remember the environment when making this choice; a long, aluminum tube flying at 30,000 feet, overcrowded with folks representing a variety of lifestyles. It's a social tinderbox that cannot afford additional fuel.